CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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A method for generating a single record reflecting multiple services for accounting purposes, comprising:

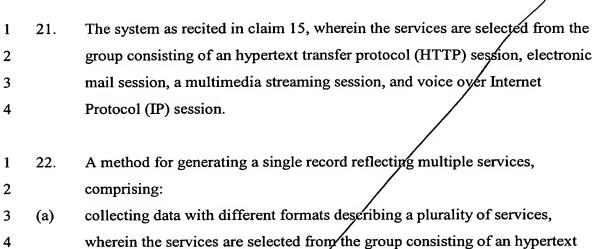
- identifying a plurality of services carried out over a network; (a)
- 4 (b) collecting data describing the plurality of services; and
- 5 generating a single record including the collected data, wherein the single (c) 6 record represents each of the plurality of services.
- The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising sending the single 1 2. record to a Business Support System. 2
- 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the single record is used to bill at 1 2 least one recipient of the services.
- 4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of services are 1 received by a single party associated with the single record. 2
- 1 5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the single party is identified in the 2 record.
- 6. Thé method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising collecting a 1 2 plurality of the single records, and generating a distinct record including the

- collected data of each of the single records, wherein the distinct record represents each of the plurality of single records.
- The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the services are selected from the group consisting of an hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) session, electronic mail session, a multimedia streaming session, and voice over Internet Protocol (IP) session.
- A computer program product for generating a single record reflecting
 multiple services for accounting purposes, comprising:
 computer code for identifying a plurality of services carried out over a
- 4 network;
 5 (b) computer code for collecting data describing the plurality of services; and
- 6 (c) computer code for generating a single record including the collected data,
 7 wherein the single record represents each of the plurality of services.
- 1 9. The computer program product as recited in claim 8, and further comprising computer code for sending the single record to a Business Support System.
- 1 10. The computer program product as recited in claim 8, wherein the single record is used to bill at least one recipient of the services.
- 1 11. The computer program product as recited in claim 8, wherein the plurality of services are received by a single party associated with the single record.
- 1 12. The computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the single party is identified in the record.
- 1 13. The computer program product as recited in claim 8, and further comprising
 2 computer code for collecting a plurality of the single records, and computer
 3 code for generating a distinct record including the collected data of each of

4		the single records, wherein the distinct record represents each of the plurality
5		of single records.
1	14.	The computer program product as recited in claim 8, wherein the services are
2		selected from the group consisting of an hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP)

session, electronic mail session, a multimedia streaming session, and voice over Internet Protocol (IP) session.

- 1 15. A system for generating a single record reflecting multiple services for accounting purposes, comprising:
- 3 (a) logic for identifying a plurality of services carried out over a network;
- 4 (b) logic for collecting data describing the plurality of services; and
- 5 (c) logic for generating a single record including the collected data, wherein the single record represents each of the plurality of services.
- 1 16. The system as recited in claim 15 and further comprising logic for sending the single record to a Business Support System.
- 1 17. The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the single record is used to bill at least one recipient of the services.
- 1 18. The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the plurality of services are received by a single party associated with the single record.
- 1 19. The system as recited in claim 18, wherein the single party is identified in the record.
- The system as recited in claim 15, and further comprising logic for collecting a plurality of the single records, and logic for generating a distinct record including the collected data of each of the single records, wherein the distinct record represents each of the plurality of single records.



- transfer protocol (HTTP) session, electronic mail session, a multimedia streaming session, and voice over Internet Protocol (IP) session; (b) collecting data with different formats describing users of the services;
- 8 (c) generating a single record including the collected data representing each of the services and the users;
- 10 (d) collecting a plurality of the single records;
- generating a distinct record including the collected data of each of the single records, wherein the distinct record represents each of the plurality of single records; and
- 14 (f) sending the distinct record to a Business Support System.